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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD
ATTENTION : Chief, IDEALIST Section, Special
Projects Branch, DPD
SUBJECT : Alert Cables Through NSA

1. The alert cables initiated by SPB concerning IDEALIST Missions contain information requiring a COMINT indicator.

2. The Intelligence Staff, DPD has control and is releasing authority for all COMINT traffic in the Division.

3. Special arrangements were made with the Communications Staff Signal Center to handle alert messages in an expeditious manner. Instead of being handled in sequence with other messages these would be given unique handling; that is stamped with a number immediately upon receipt by the Signal Center and one copy returned to the person delivering the cable after he signs the log for its receipt. The two copies must each be receipted for by signature in order that all copies are controlled.

4. The removal of a copy of a COMINT cable prior to its delivery to the Signal Center is in violation of the COMINT security regulations.

5. The substance of the alert message is an Operations matter and like other branches in DPD the cable should be prepared by Operations and no one else. In the event an authorized releasing officer in Intel cannot be located immediately those officers authorized to release the alert message in SPB may do so. The important point from a security aspect is that all copies and original be delivered to the Signal Center for control. The Signal Center will immediately return the SPB copy and make delivery of Intel's copy on a normal delivery basis.

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6. Any further guidance for the handling of COMINT material may be obtained from the COMINT Officer, [REDACTED]

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